

## ARMIES FACE-TO-FACE

Mimic War on Old Bull Run Battlefield Has Opened.

## TROUBLE IN GRANT'S FORCES

Presence of a Company of Connecticut Negroes a Cause of Serious Contention, and the Simulation of Hostilities May Become a Real Conflict.

Gainesville, Va., Sept. 7.—Race feeling has broken out here in virulent form. The trouble is all due to the presence of one colored contingent, the First Separate company of Connecticut, recruited mainly from negro waiters and servants at Yale university.

Matters have become so serious that various southern regiments, notably the First Maryland, the Second Texas and the Second Georgia, are talking of using ball cartridges and attacking the Connecticut company. When these threats reached headquarters orders were sent out to all the regiment commanders to search their men's belts for ball cartridges, and rigid examinations are now going on in both the brown and blue camps.

The southerners are trying to persuade General Frederick D. Grant to have Brigadier General Russell, First Connecticut national guards, detail the negro company for guard duty, but it is not believed that General Grant will consent to take such action. As matters stand, southern privates refuse to salute officers of the First Separate company when they meet them.

The maneuvers proper have begun, and the blue and the brown armies are facing each other in hostile array. It is the work of the blue army under General F. D. Grant, operating from Manassas, to strike and drive the brown army under General J. Franklin Bell, operating from Thoroughfare, back through the gap of that name in the Bull Run mountains. The zone of hostilities is a strip of Virginia farms five miles wide and fifteen miles long, comprising the territory over which was fought the two battles of Bull Run. Manassas is the southeast point in the zone and Thoroughfare Gap is in the center of its western limit.

At daylight General Grant had established a front across the zone and pushed his line two-fifths of the way to Thoroughfare. The northern half of this line (Grant's right) is a solid mass of infantry. The southern half, his left wing, is a patrol of cavalry. It is with the strong right that the blow is to be struck.

To meet the attack General Bell has established a line of battle which sweeps in a semicircle from Buckland on the southwestern limits of the zone to Woolsey on the north. Buckland is less than two miles from the western limit of operations and Woolsey a little more than that distance.

## QUESTION OF CONTRABAND.

Russia Ready to Make Substantial Concessions to United States.

London, Sept. 7.—The preliminary representations made by Count Benckendorff, the Russian ambassador, to the foreign office indicate that Russia is on the point of making substantial concessions to the United States and Great Britain regarding the question of contraband of war as a result of the submission by Foreign Minister Lansdowne of the report of the general commission to Emperor Nicholas, together with information transmitted by Ambassador Benckendorff showing the views of the British government.

The Russian foreign minister is expected to present to the British government through Sir Charles Hardinge, the British ambassador to Russia, the formal reply of the Russian government. It is understood in official circles here that Russia, while not acknowledging herself at fault for the captures made by her ships in the past, will more specifically describe the conditions under which certain goods, such as foodstuffs and cotton, become, in her view, contraband.

The British foreign office is satisfied from the representations made to it that such substantial concessions will be made by Russia as will lead to an easy settlement of the vexatious question.

## Russia Would Buy the Calchas.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 7.—It is understood that Russia is trying to negotiate for the purchase of the British steamer Calchas, captured by the Vladivostok squadron while on her way from Puget Sound to Japan, which is still at Vladivostok, but no decision has yet been arrived at with the prize court.

## Connecticut Cotton Mills Shut Down.

Danielson, Conn., Sept. 7.—Seven hundred employees of the Quinnabag Cotton mills have been thrown out of employment by the annual shutdown of the mills. The mills will probably be closed for two weeks, during which time extensive repairs will be made. The 250 operatives employed at the Cochrane mills are working on short time, but this is due more to low water in the rivers than to a dull market.

## Fatal Fall in a Church.

Lyons, N. Y., Sept. 7.—Fred Muser and Emil Rees received internal injuries which may prove fatal in a fall from the scaffolding in the interior of the St. John's German Lutheran church here. Gustave Giersberg was less seriously injured. All are from Syracuse, having come here to decorate the church. A defective stringpiece in the scaffolding caused the accident.

## KUROPATKIN'S RETREAT.

His Guns and Transports Mired in Manchurian Mud.

Mukden, Sept. 7.—The retreat of General Kuropatkin's army is being carried out in good order, despite the terrible condition of the roads, rendered sodden by the rains which have been falling steadily, which mire the lumbering guns and heavy transport trains.

Long lines of commissariat wagons drawn by steaming mules, horses and even bullocks are straining their way north over the soaking, cut up main road from Yentai. Behind them come long trains of artillery, and back of them still Kuropatkin's army. The Japanese are hanging on Kuropatkin's flanks, keeping the Russians engaged in a continuous rear guard action.

The progress of the retreating army has been slow, owing to the necessity of first getting through the baggage and guns, but the heads of the commissariat trains have already passed through Mukden and are continuing their way toward the north.

## Converging on Mukden.

The main Japanese army is marching up along the roads eastward of the Russian lines of retreat, which converge at Mukden. Another Japanese force is also heading for Mukden from the westward, coming from the direction of the Liao river.

Marshal Oyama seems to be making a race for Mukden. He evidently has great superiority in numbers, especially in artillery.

As this dispatch was filed the booming of the Japanese cannon, which are in play fourteen miles from Mukden, could be heard.

The skies are black and the air is stifling with the sense of suffocation, which is felt here before a storm breaks—strange harmony between the elements and the menacing attitude of the contending armies.

## Attack on Stakelberg.

The following message describing the earlier events of the Japanese attack on General Stakelberg's corps southwest of Liaoyang Aug. 30 was written on the battlefield by M. Kirilloff, a Russian war correspondent, just before he was shot through the lungs, and was sent to Mukden for transmission:

"This morning around Liaoyang guns thundered unceasingly. The heights forming a semicircle around the city were dotted with jets of flame and little black and white clouds. The spectacle was clearly visible from the water tower of Liaoyang. The Russians left alone was not engaged.

"At 7 a. m. the correspondent rode to the Russian center, where the Japanese were concentrating in an attempt to break through, and climbed the neighboring heights, following a detachment sent to relieve the skirmishers who had been covering the battery commanded by Pokotiloff, one of the heroes of Kiulencheng. The Japanese, according to custom, were shelling places where they believed the Russian reserves were located.

"Before the correspondent could reach the battery he had to cross a danger zone of 150 yards, projectiles falling and bursting on it until the very ground seemed to quiver with wrath.

## Brothers Meet.

"There was a touching scene when the skirmishers were reached. A Russian soldier met a brother whom he had last seen in their native village. There were joyous greetings and a quick exchange of news from home. Then each went his way and settled down to the work of firing coolly and deliberately.

"The Japanese fire was spasmodic. Their bullets sang like birds as they sped overhead, and the Russians cracked jokes about it.

"Two hours later the correspondent reached the battery and found that Pokotiloff and another officer, Costroff, had been killed. Out of sixty gunners forty were killed or wounded.

"Captain Tarnasoff was in charge of the battery. His quiet courtesy recalled the hero of one of Count Tolstol's novels. Fifty yards away was a splendid looking gunner whose duty it was to record the success or failure of each shot, the grim song of death, with deadly messengers hurtling all around him, but the Russian gunner stood erect and utterly without heeding the danger to which he was exposed.

## Long Without Food.

"The Russian officers had not eaten anything since the previous day, and the correspondent shared with them what provisions he had. The taste of food caused them to realize the intensity of their hunger. Prudence urged the correspondent to leave the spot, but he was fascinated."

Here the message ended. The officer who sent forward M. Kirilloff's last dispatch added:

"M. Kirilloff, who was an enthusiast in his work, had gained universal respect and sympathy. He was shot through the right lung while standing by our battery, and fell back, suffering intense agony, the blood spurting from his mouth. Yet his devotion to duty enabled him to overcome his sufferings."

"He insisted upon being placed on a horse so that he could get to Liaoyang and file his dispatch. It took him five hours to cover the five and a half miles to Liaoyang. When he reached there M. Kirilloff was so exhausted and weak from loss of blood that we got him into the hospital, although against his protest. He asked me to complete his message for him."

"I am a soldier and no writer, but I will say that after the awful fight today we are still holding our positions. Japanese bodies bestrew all the heights. Their losses must run into the tens of thousands. We have lost 5,000 thus far."

"A shrapnel shell burst two paces from General Stakelberg (who remains

**Pale. Thin** Pale cheeks, white lips, and languid step tell the story of thin blood, impure blood. Doctors call it "anemia." They recommend Ayer's Sarsaparilla. They know why it cures.

ed for fifteen hours under fire, killing two officers. The general was slightly wounded in the leg."

## Rear Guard Not Annihilated.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 7.—The Russian general staff authoritatively denies the report which has been in circulation here of the annihilation of General Kuropatkin's rear guard. According to the latest advices of the staff, no Russian force was cut off, and it is believed that there is little danger of the Japanese intercepting Kuropatkin below Mukden. The information here is that the Japanese force at Benshu does not exceed two divisions at the most. It is added, however, that the staff has not yet received news from the front under today's date.

## Japanese Watch Shanghai.

Shanghai, Sept. 7.—The Chinese government has decided that the crews of the Askold and Grozovoi while in treaty ports are under the control of customs officials and Russian consuls. A Japanese fleet of five cruisers and six destroyers is off Shanghai. The Japanese torpedo boats enter the harbor regularly for dispatches. The fleet will remain until the Askold leaves her dock and her big guns are removed.

## Kuroki Occupies Yentai.

Tokyo, Sept. 7.—It is reported here that the Russians have retired beyond Yentai. General Kuroki has occupied the town. It is officially announced that a portion of the Russian force remains at Yinghsu, south of Yentai, where the bulk of the Russian army is assembled.

## Port Arthur Rumors.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 7.—The Novoe Vremya got out an early edition announcing the fall of Port Arthur, but it was recalled before the paper reached the streets. Such a report is current, but it seems to have no basis in fact.

## Diana's Disarmament.

Tokyo, Sept. 7.—The French minister has formally notified the Japanese government that the Russian cruiser Diana will disarm at Saigon, French Indo-China, where she sought refuge Aug. 20 after taking part in the battle of Aug. 10 off Port Arthur.

## Alexieff Going to Mukden.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 7.—Viceroy Alexieff is on his way from Harbin to Mukden.

## SHOT WIFE AND SELF.

## Ithacan Murderer Commits Suicide to Escape Arrest.

Ithaca, N. Y., Sept. 7.—To avoid capture Jesse Baker, who murdered his young wife, ended his own life by sending a bullet from the same pistol through his brain. After killing his wife in the orchard near their home in this city Baker ran to the home of an uncle, John Bangs, two miles away. There he told how he had killed his wife, but as he appeared to be crazy drunk his story was disbelieved.

Later Mr. Bangs drove Baker through the city toward his home in Candor, nineteen miles south. The Candor constable, who had been notified of the murder, saw Baker enter his father's home and followed. Baker ran to the upper floor and shot himself just as the constable reached the foot of the stairs. He died instantly.

## No Boxerism.

London, Sept. 7.—Official reports received at the foreign office here discredit the rumors that an uprising similar to that of the Boxers is imminent in China. It is declared that the disturbances reported are of a local character, and that the Chinese government is summarily dealing with them.

## New Pennsylvania Postmaster.

Washington, Sept. 7.—W. G. Berkey has been appointed fourth class postmaster at Boone, Pa.

## PYTHIANS PARADE.

Ten Thousand Knights in Line in San Francisco.

San Francisco, Sept. 7.—Ten thousand Sir Knights marched for miles through the gayly decorated city streets, inspired by the music of forty bands and the cheers of thousands of spectators, who lined every foot of the way, crowded windows and doorways and filled the grand stand and review stands erected for the purpose.

The order of formation included twelve grand divisions. The parade started in the heart of the city, wound in and out of the downtown banking district, thence for twelve blocks up the main thoroughfare of Market street to the broad and beautiful boulevard, Van Ness avenue, where a number of grand stands were erected.

From one of these Most Eminent Grand Master Stoddard, with the chief officers and members of the grand encampment, reviewed the parade.

From another stand close by Governor George C. Pardee, Mayor Eugene E. Schmitz, the most worshipful grand master, officers of the grand lodge, F. and A. M., the most eminent high priest and officers of the grand chapter of R. A. M., grand council, R. and S. M., also saw the procession pass in review.

The parade was headed by a squadron of mounted police, Sir Knight George W. Wittman, chief of police, commanding; commander of the parade, Eminent Sir Charles L. Field, grand captain general of California, and his chief of staff, Eminent Sir George D. Clark, the first division following. In this section were two carriages, the first carrying Most Eminent Sir Henry Bates Stoddard, grand master of the grand encampment of Knights Templars of the United States of America, and Most Eminent the Earl of Euston, grand master of the great priory of England and Wales.

## NEW YORK TAXES.

State Board Frames Equalization Table For Ensuing Year.

Albany, N. Y., Sept. 7.—The state board of equalization has adopted the equalization table for the coming state tax year. On this table will be assessed the state tax of thirteen one-hundredths of a mill to be levied. This will raise the sum of \$900,000. The legislature expected to raise but \$750,000. The greater sum will be realized because of the increase of assessed valuations.

The state board of tax commissioners in its report to the board says:

"The assessed value of all property liable locally to state taxation as returned by the boards of supervisors of the various counties for the year of 1903 is as follows:

"Real estate, \$3,749,500,038; personal property, \$819,203,165; less amount not liable locally for state purposes, \$122,236,990; total, \$7,446,476,127. An increase over 1902 in real estate of \$1,451,746,076; in personal estate, \$140,229,030; total increase, \$1,591,975,006.

"This increase of nearly 27 per cent in real estate was made chiefly in Greater New York and Erie counties, and the equalization will add to the assessed valuation of many counties heretofore reduced."

## Klondike City Sawmill Burned.

Dawson, Yukon, Sept. 7.—The Klondike City sawmill, owned by the North American Trading and Transportation company, has been completely destroyed by fire. The loss is \$75,000, with no insurance. The Klondike's output this year will be close to \$10,000,000 in gold.

## Killed While on Wedding Trip.

Charlotte, N. C., Sept. 7.—Professor J. F. Bylins, head master of Trinity Park High school at Durham, N. C., was killed by a train near Durham while returning from his wedding trip.

## WEDDING IN BERLIN.

Preparations For Marriage of Crown Prince Already Begun.

## EXCITEMENT IN HANOVER.

Citizens See Signs That the Royal Couple is to Live There—Move to End Ill Feeling Over Deposition of the Cumberland.

Berlin, Sept. 7.—The wedding of Crown Prince Frederick William and the Duchess Cecilia of Mecklenburg-Schwerin will take place in Berlin, where the visiting members of royal families can be entertained better than at the bride's home. The marriage will probably take place early in the new year.

One wing of the royal palace at Hanover has been undergoing reconstruction for a year and is now being refurbished and redecorated sumptuously. Train loads of costly paintings, gobelins and stately furniture have dis-



DUCHESS CECILIA.

appeared behind the palace gates, and the Hanoverians are convinced that Crown Prince Frederick William after his marriage will be promoted and transferred from the First Garde de Corps to the Royal Uhlans regiment stationed at Hanover and will be assigned the palace there as a residence.

Such an arrangement would be regarded as further evidence of the emperor's desire to win the hearts of such of the Hanoverians as are still unwilling to forgive Prussia for displacing the Cumberlands from the throne.

## END OF MEAT STRIKE.

One Thousand Union Men Get Their Old Jobs Back.

Chicago, Sept. 7.—The beginning of the end of the stockyards strike came when, according to the packers, more than 1,000 of the strikers applied for their old jobs and were taken back. Men began to seek work a few hours before the time set for a meeting of the allied trades conference board which, representing twenty-two trades involved in the strike, was, as seemed to be the general impression, to consider the question of submitting to the unions whether the strike should be called off or not. There was talk among the strikers at the yards about "terms of settlement."

Officials of the packing companies, however, declared that no terms of settlement had been reached; that strikers applying for their old places would be reinstated without discrimination, but no agreement would be made with the union.

Meetings of all local unions involved had been called to hear the result of the deliberations of the allied trades board, but many of the men, who have been idle for eight weeks, feared to await their action. So it was that a thousand applied for work.

The allied trades convention has decided to submit to the unions the proposition for settlement of the stockyards strike.

## Washington Hop Crop.

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 7.—Today the harvest of the Washington hop crop has begun. It is estimated that 10,000 pickers will be required. Reports show the condition of the crop generally to be good, though there has been a shrinkage in some localities. Estimates put the prospective crop at 41,500 bales, an increase of 5,000 bales over last year. Prices are high, instances being known where growers have refused 26½ cents a pound.

## Two of Wedding Party Drowned.

Grove City, Pa., Sept. 7.—Miss Butman and Arthur Courtney, both of Pittsburg and aged about twenty years, have been drowned in Lake Barmore, near here. The young people were here to attend a wedding, and went across the lake for a picnic. While sailing on the lake a squall upset their craft.

## Two Hundred Thousand at Fair.

St. Louis, Sept. 7.—All attendance records of the Louisiana Purchase exposition were broken on Labor day, when 207,454 passed through the gates. This number, it is stated, exceeded the attendance on Labor day at the Columbian exposition, when 198,858 visitors were registered by the turnstiles.

To Send a Delegate to Boston. Leeds, England, Sept. 7.—The trades union congress has decided to send a delegate with a fraternal greeting to the international peace congress to be held in Boston.

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## OLNEY AT ESOPUS.

Confers With Judge Parker Regarding National Political Situation.

Esopus, N. Y., Sept. 7.—Richard Olney of Massachusetts has arrived at Rosemont to confer with Judge Parker regarding the national political situation. He was expected two or three weeks ago, but business prevented him from making a definite engagement, and this was his first opportunity to come. Mr. Olney and the candidate talked for more than two hours, undisturbed by other callers, and lunched together.

The active part taken by Mr. Olney in Mr. Cleveland's campaign prompted Judge Parker to invite him to Rosemont at this time, though each confesses to his high regard for the other. Mr. Olney served in President Cleveland's cabinet as attorney general in 1893-95 and as secretary of state in 1895-97.

Judge Parker has received a telegram from Senator H. G. Davis, candidate for vice president, telling of his inability to accept an invitation to Rosemont on Thursday for the purpose of meeting the Democratic editors.

Governor Davis of Arkansas Re-elected Little Rock, Ark., Sept. 7.—Sufficient returns from the state election have been received to indicate the election of Governor Davis to a third term by a plurality of 20,000. Several other state officers were voted for, but all the other Democratic candidates had an open field. Davis alone having opposition. Governor Davis will run something like 16,000 votes behind his ticket two years ago, when the total vote was 120,000 in round numbers. This year there has been an increase of 10,000 votes, and if Governor Davis' plurality is not over 20,000 his loss in the aggregate will be 30,000 votes. Myers, the Republican candidate, will probably increase his vote over two years ago not less than 10,000.

## Democratic Editors' Convention.

New York, Sept. 7.—At Democratic national headquarters nearly everybody was busy with preliminary arrangements for the conference of Democratic editors, many of whom have already arrived. Notice has been sent out to the editors to meet at headquarters and report to Josephus Daniels. A change has been made in the arrangements for going to Esopus on Thursday and the editors will leave at 9 o'clock on the New York Central railway. They will return from Esopus by steamer, lunch being served en route.

## Odell Holds a Conference.

New York, Sept. 7.—A number of Republicans from up the state were in conference with Governor Odell, discussing the general situation and incidentally the ticket that is to be nominated at Saratoga next week.

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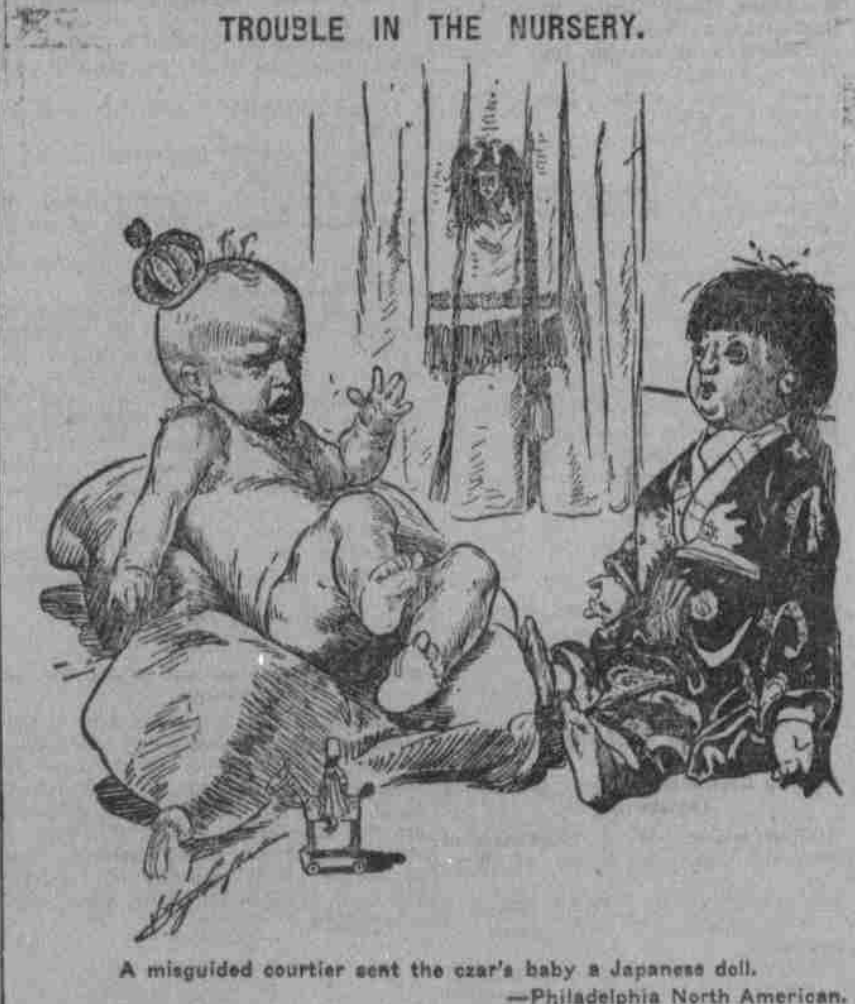
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